

Beacon Charter High School for the Arts

Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 20, 2014

In Attendance:

Mr. Frank Tweedie
Mr. Leo Fontaine
Mr. George Costa
Mr. Michael Balint
Mr. Richard Brush
Dr. Ralph Jasparro
Ms. Laura Nottie
Mr. Joseph Garlick

Absent:

Dr. Paul McVety
Dr. Robert Billington
Ms. Eileen Tweedie

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

Approval of the minutes of June 11, 2014.

Motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. Brush and seconded by Dr. Jasparro.
All approved.

Dr. Skeldon highlighted items on his Principal's report.

- Discussion on the new proposed middle school. RIDE is already aware of the project. Dr. Skeldon is working on completing the proposal, and it should be completed in the very near future so it can be presented to RIDE.
- Approval of new hires:
Justin Kuncz for the Science department. The board approved the hire.
Nicole Rattay for the Academic Dean position. The board approved the hire.
- Dr. Skeldon talked about this year's Gala scheduled for November 1 at St. Ann's Arts and Cultural Center. A committee will be formed, and we are already looking for donations. **He requested assistance from the board as they were instrumental in the success of last year's event.**

- The work this summer replacing the wireless network and adding a new server went smoothly.
- There are a few workshops sponsored by the RI Foundation for the growth of charter school boards.
The first one is on September 23 and will cover support for fiscally sound charter schools. The second will be held on October 29. The topic is board recruitment, succession, and relationships.
- The League of Charter Schools is holding a welcome back to school event at The Waterman Grill on September 25. This is open to faculty and board members.

Committee Reports were presented by each committee member, except Mrs. Flo Stevens who was not present, and Ms. Rattay, who was just hired. There was a small discussion about work study opportunities. These will not be paid positions. Another discussion was the property Beacon would like to sell to Ciro's. This is still in discussion with Ciro's and Dr. Skeldon and Ms. Crotty will follow up. Dr. Skeldon commented that he does not want to see another tax bill to Beacon on this property.

The preliminary Profit and Loss Statement from 2013-2014 was handed out and explained by Ms. Crotty.

Unfinished Business:

There is a one year parent position and two year parent position open on the board. Mrs. Go will announce the openings in the next newsletter.

Motion was made by Mr. Brush to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nottie, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 6pm. The other remaining meeting dates are February 11, 2015 and May 27, 2015. Please calendar those meetings now.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Go